

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): An electronic device comprising:

an integrated circuit chip configured to contain or process informative data ~~needing to~~
~~having security-sensitive content~~~~be securely protected~~, a first side of the chip comprising at
least one first conductive element connected to the integrated circuit, and a second side of the
chip comprising at least one second conductive element, the second side being opposite of the
first side, the first conductive element and the second conductive element being coupled by
inductive coupling, the second conductive element not being electrically connected to the
integrated circuit chip and the first conductive element.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A device according to ~~claim 23~~claim 22, wherein the
first conductive element and the second conductive element include alternate intermingled,
wound, or intertwined patterns.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22~~claim 23~~, wherein the
first conductive element includes a transmitting armature.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22~~claim 23~~, wherein the
first conductive element and/or the second conductive element include an inductance.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22, wherein the second conductive element includes ~~an earth~~ a ground plane conductance or a low resistance.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22, further comprising ~~means an electromagnetic excitation device~~ for electromagnetic excitation of the first conductive element.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22, further comprising ~~means an inductance measuring device~~ for measuring inductance of at least one of the conductive elements and/or for detecting variation in the inductance.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 29, further comprising means for deleting or ceasing to store data of the measured inductance in an event of a change being detected in a value of the inductance.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A device according to ~~claim 22~~ claim 23, wherein the first conductive element ~~and/or the third conductive element~~ is connected to the integrated electronic circuit ~~inside the chip~~, whereas the second conductive element is not connected to the integrated circuit chip and the first conductive element.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A device according to ~~claim 22~~ claim 23, wherein the integrated circuit chip includes upper coating layers including at least one metal or conductive level allowing the first conductive element to be connected with the integrated electronic circuit ~~and/or with the third conductive element~~.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22, wherein the first ~~and/or the third~~ conductive element ~~form~~ forms a circuit loop.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 22, wherein the second conductive element forms an earth plane or an equipotential.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22~~claim 23~~, wherein the first ~~and/or the third~~ conductive element includes at least one longilinear metal track.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22~~claim 23~~, wherein the first ~~and/or the third~~ conductive element includes plural interconnected sections arranged in a substantially concentric way, so as to form a corrugation or a polygonal spiral or to form a substantially circular spiral.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 22~~claim 23~~, wherein the first ~~and/or the third~~ conductive element includes plural interconnected sections arranged in a substantially parallel way so as to form at least one meander or one coil.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 22, wherein the second conductive element includes a plane or a metal plated surface portion or a network of conductive meshes, or a network of substantially circular, square, hexagonal or polygonal meshes, or a grid.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 22, wherein each conductive element lies in a plane substantially parallel to a side surface of the integrated circuit chip.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 22, wherein the conductive elements of the integrated circuit chip are coated with an encapsulation material.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): A chip card, including at least one electronic device according to claim 22.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): An encryption or decoding device including one or more electronic devices according to claim 22.